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Commander Dick Scobee, who was killed in the space shuttle Challenger disaster in 1986, was a C-5 pilot at Charleston AFB in the 1970's.

Recruiters looking for tomorrow's leaders today

By Lt. Col. Ed Memi
437 AW Public Affairs

In the busy world of recruiting tomorrow's leaders for the Air Force, all is well for local Air Force recruiters as they expect to add additional recruiters later this year.

"We expect to add three to four recruiters this year, which will be a big help," said Master Sgt. Robert M. Colbourne, flight supervisor for about four Charleston area recruiters. "We still need your help and you can help us by referring people to us who might be interested in joining the Air Force."

Colbourne said he doesn't want people to actively recruit for the Air Force, but instead actively refer young men and women.

"We prefer a referral from someone, where we can first screen them, examine their interests and goals and show them how the Air Force might be right for them," Colbourne said. "Just give us their name and number if they have expressed any interest in joining the Air Force. We can also better recruit the people in our offices where we have a wide variety of videos and brochures to point out the advantages of joining the Air Force."

"We are also very selective in deciding who will get to join the Air Force and we don't want anyone getting someone's hopes up too high, especially if there are medical and/or morally disqualifying factors."

The Air Force Chief of Staff and the Chief Master Sergeant of the Air Force and recently wrote in a letter to all

commanders that if one out of every 10 Air Force members brought one qualified enlisted or officer to our ranks each year we would meet our annual accession requirements.

In a recent meeting with base representatives from the various groups and wing staff, the recruiters said they need highly motivated junior airmen to speak to various groups and high schools.

"Sometimes it is better if we can provide someone who can speak about their experiences and why they chose the Air Force way of life. A young airman's testimonial can have a positive impact on potential recruits," Colbourne said. In the near future, recruiters plan to join in on several base tours given to youth groups and high schools in the hopes of influencing people to join.

Charleston seldom has a problem in meeting its recruiting goals, and according to Colbourne, the areas high concentration of military retirees and installations helps them to meet their recruiting goals. "In fact, we are expected to get more recruits to make up for those areas of the country that don't do as well."

But that doesn't mean the Air Force is getting people with all the necessary skills. "We always have to work hard to get people to join in the health professions areas. In addition, we are tasked to recruit pararescue and combat controllers, so we are always recruiting for those areas."

The Air Force is actively seeking

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On patrol

Staff Sgt. Michael Duhe

Staff Sgt. Keith Collins and other members of the 437th Security Forces Squadron's Rodeo 2000 team are preparing for the competition, set for May 8-11 at Pope AFB, N.C. See page 11 for more photos and a story about the security forces and C-17 maintenance teams preparing for Rodeo.

Air Force finance award in the bank for comptroller airman

By Tech Sgt. Brian Jones
437 AW Public Affairs

Senior Airman Jeannine McGuire of the 437th Comptroller Squadron recently won the 1999 Financial Services Airman of the Year award for the Air Force.

While deployed to Incirlik, Turkey, she was told she won top honors for the Air Force.

"I was thrilled to have been selected to win this award," she said. "I could not have done it without the support I receive from my co-workers."

McGuire's accomplishments include being handpicked to represent Air Mobility Command to formulate the Professional Development Plan, which outlines



McGuire

the career paths of E-1s through E-3s in the Financial Management career field. She also was responsible for significant improvements in processing travel vouchers, drastically reducing the number of rejected vouchers.

McGuire credits her squadron for the support they have given her. She commented, "I'm very grateful for my squadron nominating me for these awards. This is a great squadron I work in. I am very appreciative of my co-workers and proud to be part of the 437th Comptroller Squadron." She also praised her superiors for their hard work on her award packages.

In addition to McGuire's Air Force-level award, the comptroller squadron won the Special Acts and Services award at the Air Force level.

McGuire will be travelling to Philadelphia in May to receive her award at the annual American Society of Military Comptrollers.

The Air Force-level award is one of many awards McGuire has won over the past year. Recent awards include the AMC Financial Services Airman of the Year for 1999, 437th Airlift Wing Special Staff Airman of the Year, 437th Comptroller Squadron Airman of the Year, Airman of the Quarter for October-December, and the Commanders Performance Award for October 1999.

Her supervisor, Tech Sgt. John Burkett, summed up McGuire's achievements by saying, "she is all that the squadron stands for: service, pride, and integrity."

McGuire, who hails from Tucson, Arizona, has been in the Air Force for almost four years. Charleston AFB is her first assignment.

McGuire said some of her goals are to make staff sergeant, complete her bachelor's degree from Limestone College, and eventually apply for Officer Training School.